tracked at Dinner-Gets Orders to Mind His Own Business-Seeks Rapose Completely Awed.

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T had been Mr. Bowser's bad day

at the office. Lots of little things had turned up to perturb and an-noy, and as he made ready to start for home he gave a sigh of re-lief as he realized that he could pitch



HEN HUZZY!" COOK CALLS BOWSER.

treating it with respect. The front door was open, and she was in the hall to meet him and remark:

"Dinner is all rendy, and as soon as we have eaten I want to have a talk

"Not a word, sir, to be settled later on. Meanwhile I want no more profaulty at my table. You are alfogether too free with your words."

Awed by Earnestness.

She spoke so quietly and earnestly that he was awed, and, though he lost something of his appetite, he nevertheless found no fault in words. He had never seen Mrs. Bowser exactly like this before, and he was puzzled to make her out. During the last twe minutes of dinner he decided that the case called for heroic treatment, and when they had reached the sitting room he began:

"Now, woman, are you ready to apologize to me for your language?"

"No, man. I am not?" she replied as she turned on him." If there are any store and been bluffed.

Ste Pileting.

she turned on him. "If there are any apologies coming you will make them."

"I de Your name is Bowser." "Yes, my name is Bowser, and I'm not used to being talked to like a hired man. Both our lawyers can be reached by telephone, and"—
"Oh. I know all about your lawyers

"Never mind about any horn spoons.

Here is the gas bill for last mouth. It is 60 cents more than for the month before. Of course you'll say that I gave it away or sold it or burned it in the daylime to spite you. That's an old trick of yours, and I have got tired of it. Only two nights ago you left two burners in shis room going at full blast all night."

"Holy smoke, woman!" he began a his throat choked no.

him with:

"No loaferish longuage in my presence, sir, and don't let me have to speak to you again about fil I had to order coal for the range today. Have you got anything to say about my extravagnore landing us in the poorhouse? If an, out with it?"

Mr. Bowser was slicht. That feeling of swe had begun to creep over him.

BLUFF BY BOWSER

again, and he was wondering if Mrs.
Bowser hadn't been hypnotized or gone crazy. As he looked at her-sie thought he could see a starting change.

"Cook has given me notice," she went on affect half a minute, "and I shall have to get another one. You'll say it's all my fault for treating her like a dog instead of asking her to play the plano and peeive my callers. You'll add that A NEW DEAL IN THE HOME.

If you ran the house a servant would stuy for years and look upon the place as a paradise. Go ahead and say it, and then TD add that cook is leaving

Opinion From the Krichen.

"Makes no difference. She says you are a hen huzzy and a faultfinder. A dozen other girls have left for the

same reason."

Mr. Bowser opened his mouth to shout hack, but a sudden weakness came to his knees, and he sat down.

Mrs. Bowser had passed a pleasant day and had no premonition of what was to come until she saw Mr. Bowser drop off the street car. His walk betrayed his feelings. There were certain things about which she could not be mistaken. One of them was the way he kicked the gate open inatted.

"I give you money to run the house,"
"Yes, and of course I send it to the heathens or the orphans or burn it up-anything to hustle you along to that poorhouse. You don't half yell over it."

Mr. Bowser got up and sat down again, and he choked and gasped and turned red and white, but he couldn't gentle gentle.

Also Complete Line gentle.

"And while on this subject of extravagance let me say that your bill for cigars last month was \$12. During the cigars last month was \$12. During the same month you gave me money to buy two pairs of stockings at 65 cents a pair. Your club expenses would dress me nicely, but of course I can't find fault with your extravagances. I am the one who is galloping this family over the road to the poorhouse!"
"Woman." Mr. Bowser managed to gasp with great effort, but while he was trying to think of something more she said:
"When I went upstairs this morn-

"When I went upstairs this morn-ing after breakfast I found your clothes scattered all over the room and everything topsy turvy. The next time I find such a muss I shall throw everything out of the window for you to sort and pick up. I don't propose that you shall put an hour's extra work on me."

"Such talk to me—to Bowser." he

whispered as he stared at her

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To you and to no one else, and I want it distinctly understood that there's a new deal on in this house. If there's to be any more kicking I'm with you."

With me?' he growled.

"Yes, sir. Things can't go on this there's to be any more kicking I'm going to do it myself. As a beginning of the new deal you keep out of the kitchen. If you try to mix in you'll hear something drop."

"I suppose the cook has quit or a water pipe burst?"

"Never mind what you suppose. You will tearn all about it in due time."

Mr. Bowser was taken by surprise, but after getting seated at the table he remembered his plans and looked the dinner over and turned up his nose. He was about to ask if it came from a penny restaurant when Mrs. Bowser pointed a finger and said:

"Not a word, sir. It's the best I could do and plenty good enough for anybody!"

"By thunder, woman, is this my borse."

"And you—you are talking to me!"

"Yes, sir, and I want you to remember every word I say. There are to be no more logs or chickens in the back gard. There will be no more experimenting with the gas meter or the matrix with the gas meter or the pinno. If you bring home fire escapes, burglar alarms, patent lamps or fognora, they will go over the fence into the alley. If you bring home hair could do and plenty good enough for anybody!"

"I am."
"And you know who you are talking miles east?"

Sky Pileting.
"I're lost my way. Can you direct me to Newport?"
"See that purple cloud about ten miles east?"

man. Both our lawyers can be reached telephone, and "-"Well. Newport is about two miles below where those geese were when I tanklous to have it settled."

By the great how

Mr. Baidy-Yes, Tommy, even the hairs of our hands are numbered. Tommy igineting at his father's intellectual domei-Don't take much fig-gerin to get your number, does it, pa?

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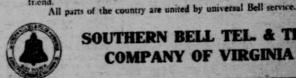
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